Leger (HB 945) Act No. 396

<u>Prior law</u> provided that whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a movable having a value of \$1,000 or less shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a movable having a value in excess of \$1,000 shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

<u>New law</u> changes the value of the movable <u>from</u> \$1,000 <u>to</u> \$500 and otherwise retains the penalty provisions of <u>existing law</u>.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that the following are responsive verdicts for theft and attempted theft: guilty of unauthorized use of movables having a value in excess of \$1,000 but only if a value in excess of \$1,000 is stated in the indictment, or guilty of unauthorized use of movables having a value of \$1,000 or less.

New law changes the amount <u>from</u> \$1,000 to \$500 and removes the requirement that the amount of the movable be specified in the indictment.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 14:68(B) and C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(26) and (27))